

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-15. (canceled)

Claim 16. (new): A co-expression system comprising a first nucleic acid sequence and a second nucleic acid sequence, wherein said first nucleic acid sequence encodes a periplasmic protein heterologous to a bacterial cell, and wherein said second nucleic acid sequence encodes a bacterial polypeptide that enhances the folding of said periplasmic protein in said bacterial cell.

Claim 17. (new): A co-expression system according to claim 16, wherein said bacterial polypeptide encoded by said second nucleic acid sequence is the Skp protein, a homologue thereof, the FkpA protein, or a homologue thereof.

Claim 18. (new): A co-expression system according to claim 17, wherein said periplasmic protein heterologous to said bacterial cell is an immunoglobulin or a fragment thereof.

Claim 19. (new): A co-expression system according to claim 18, wherein said bacterial polypeptide encoded by said second nucleic acid sequence is the Skp protein.

Claim 20. (new): A co-expression system according to claim 18, wherein said bacterial polypeptide encoded by said second nucleic acid sequence is the FkpA protein.

Claim 21. (new): A co-expression system according to claim 19, wherein said periplasmic protein heterologous to said bacterial cell is a Fab immunoglobulin fragment.

Claim 22. (new): A co-expression system according to claim 19, wherein said periplasmic protein heterologous to said bacterial cell is a scFv immunoglobulin fragment.